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(54) Title: BEVERAGE VENDING MACHINE WITH CUP RELEASE DEVICE

(57) Abstract: The present invention refers to a beverage vending machine (1) provided with a cup release device. The beverage vending machine (1) comprises a turret (7) for accommodating one or more stacks (9) of cups, support means (13) supporting each one of such stacks (9), an arm (14) moving between a first release position and a second gripping position thereof, and provided with a first jaw (16a) and a second jaw (16b) capable of moving relative to each other. Said vending machine (1) further comprises a receptacle (11) for receiving one or more such cups removed from said stacks (9). The vending machine (1) is characterized in that at least one of said first and second jaws (16a, 16b) comprises actuation means (17) that cooperate with said support means (13) to cause a first cup (10) to be removed from one of said stacks (9), and comprises at least a movable hook (18) adapted to get engaged between the upper edge (19) of said first cup (10) in one of said stacks (9) and the upper edge (20) of the next cup (101 following said first cup (10) in the same stack (9) when said arm (14) is in said second gripping position thereof.

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